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502nd Air Base Wing headquarters open for business

By Steve Elliott, FSH News Leader - Just 387 days after first breaking ground, the 502nd Air Base Wing officially opened the doors of its new 25,000-square-foot headquarters building located within the Fort Sam Houston National Historic Landmark District Aug. 5.

"It's amazing what has happened in the last year since I helped turn that first shovel of earth," said Dr. CEM Maxwell, deputy director, San Antonio Joint Program Office at Randolph Air Force Base. "Here in San Antonio, we have come to expect a pace of change that is just outstanding."

Funded by the U.S. Air Force as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law, the new two-story facility cost approximately \$9.7 million and is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certified.

"This impressive building is actually on the site of the Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop, the place where people came to find valuable bargains," Maxwell noted. "In the coming times of austere defense budgets, I hope the 502nd ABW headquarters will become the home of savings for Joint Base San Antonio."

Construction on the building was performed by LeeTex Construction LLC, in partnership with Hill & Wilkinson Ltd., with GSBS Architects out of Salt Lake City as part of the

team supporting the prime contractor.

"For those who were here last year for the groundbreaking, I think you'll see that the finished project is everything you could have imagined and more," said Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, 502nd ABW commander. "It is LEEDS silver certified, which means it is designed and built with the highest standards for environmental and energy performance."

"This is just one step on our journey to make Joint Base San Antonio a model for energy performance throughout the Department of Defense." (continued pg. 2)



The new 502nd ABW HQ building sits in a very historic part of Fort Sam Houston in the National Historical Landmark District, adjacent to the Quadrangle. (photo/Steve Elliott)



Assisting Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, 502nd ABW commander and Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, Army North commanding general (center), in cutting the ribbon Aug. 5 are (from left) Tom Batenhorst, GSBS Architects; Joe Tracy, chief of construction management, Hill & Wilkinson; Chief Master Sgt. Toby T. Tibbits, acting 502nd ABW Command Chief; Dr. CEM Maxwell, deputy director, San Antonio Joint Program Office; Robert Graves, the first 502nd ABW vice commander, David Thomas, director, San Antonio Joint Program Management Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Alan Grimes, vice president, Leetex Construction and Jason Bettisworth, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (photo/Steve Elliott)

502nd Air Base Wing headquarters open for business

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According to the LEEDS certification, 20 percent of the construction materials used contain recycled content and 76 percent of the materials were diverted from landfills and recycled.

"While we celebrate the new today with the opening of this building, we also cherish and respect the past," Carter added. "We honor the rich

traditions that are woven throughout historic installations like Fort Sam Houston, and Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases."

"This building we are celebrating today, the people who serve in it, and the people we serve from it, embody all that is great about this country, as well as the men and women, both in and out of uniform, who volunteer to defend it

each day," the general said.

The 502nd Air Base Wing consists of three major support elements. The Air Force elements are the 802nd Mission Support Group at Lackland and the 902nd MSG at Randolph AFB, while the Fort Sam Houston has the 502nd MSG.

Carter takes command of 502nd ABW at Fort Sam Houston

by L.A. Shively, FSH News Leader - Air Force Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick turned over command of Joint Base San Antonio to Air Force Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter July 18 at Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field with ruffles and flourishes.

Civilians and uniformed service members representing JBASA assembled in flights on the field and included the 502nd Air Base Wing, headquarters staff and its three support elements: the 502nd Mission Support Group from Fort Sam Houston, the 802nd Mission Support Group from Lackland Air Force Base and the 902nd Mission Support Group from Randolph AFB, to witness the ceremonial transfer of the unit guidon and change of command.

A joint color guard paraded the colors and the band, consisting of musicians from both the Army and Air Force, entertained the gathering.

"Brig. Gen. T.C. Carter will bring her own combat boots," said Air Force Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander Air Education and Training Command, officiating over the ceremony and conveying Carter's qualifications for the job.

"She's here to make her own footprints on this organization . . . she'll take that baton and take this wing to even new heights of greatness. She's perfectly positioned to do exactly that. She is one of

the three most prominent and preeminent civil engineers in the United States Air Force," Rice said.

Joint Base San Antonio - consolidating the resources of Fort Sam Houston and Randolph and Lackland AFBs - is the largest of 12 joint bases mandated by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act.

Overseeing Fort Sam Houston, Randolph and Lackland, the 502nd ABW administers physical plants worth more than \$10 billion, and has an annual budget of more than \$700 million supporting 211 mission partners and nearly 80,000 people.

Rice said Carter had been both a mission support group commander and an air base wing commander. "The good news is she knows your job. The bad news is she knows your job," he joked.

"For the last three years she has been the lead person within Air Mobility Command on joint basing issues both at the policy and the execution levels. I daresay there isn't anybody who has greater knowledge of joint basing in the entire Department of Defense," Rice said, closing his remarks.

"You are the heart and soul of what we do," said Patrick, addressing the men and women in formation during his farewell address. "You are customer service oriented

partners. You are creative, you are innovative," Patrick said, adding that this journey called joint basing is about doing what is right for the customers so they can pursue conflict and protect the country around the world and in cyber space.

"I don't give up the command easily, but if I could pick one officer to lead you to the next level, it is Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter.

"She knows what the issues are and she also knows what we're doing here in San Antonio. T.C., I can't wait to see what you do with this organization," Patrick said.

Patrick leaves JBASA to command the 2nd Air Force in Biloxi, Miss.

As change of command orders were read aloud, Patrick relinquished command and the guidon to Rice. Carter then accepted command of JBASA and the guidon from Rice.

"Len, I say the best leaders are those who bring out the best in others, and I can say it's clear that your leadership has brought out the best in the Air Base Wing," Carter said.

Carter said she'd been blessed to be at the right place and time, with the right people in order to make a positive difference in the past and that held true with JBASA as well.

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Air Force Gen. Edward Rice Jr., commander, Air Education and Training Command, presents the guidon representing command of the 502nd Air Base Wing to Air Force Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter. (photo/L.A. Shively)

Carter takes command of 502nd ABW at Fort Sam Houston

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"I don't think I've ever seen a more dedicated group of community and civic leaders than here in San Antonio.

"It's easy, in my eyes, to see why San Antonio is known as Military City USA and it's absolutely the right place to be. I look forward to working closely with our community leaders over the next few years.

"Is it the right time?" Carter asked. "You bet it is. As the Wing nears the end of its (first) full year of joint operations,

you will continue to review and refine the processes that you so painstakingly developed. "I relish the chance to lead change, seize new opportunities to improve and develop innovative solutions to the problems that lie ahead."

The new commander asked whether the right people were up to the challenges of JB SA. "There's no doubt about it," she said, commending senior leaders.

Carter lauded the talents and dedication of those at the Wing and, concluding her re-

marks said, "When you add passionate civic leaders, you absolutely have the right people to make Joint Base San Antonio the premier installation of the Department of Defense.

"I am deeply honored to command this Wing, proudly accept responsibility for it, and look forward to building upon the proud tradition of excellence associated with the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio."

Construction steady on Lackland's medical campus



The first steel beam was placed mid June on the new MacKown Dental Clinic, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. When completed, the new clinic will almost double the size of the current facility, which was built in 1952. (courtesy photo)



by Linda Frost, 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs - The first phase of construction for the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is steadily progressing.

Excavation of the new 1,028-car parking garage is complete and the utility corridor excavation is moving along on schedule, according to Joann Pinto, director, 59th Medical Wing Facilities Management. Additionally, excavation for WHASC building 1 began the first week in July.

"We're pleased the first phase is progressing well, said Pinto. "We recognize construction can be a headache, but the payoff will be worth it, as our patients will be cared for in a state-of-the-art outpatient clinical and ambulatory surgical center."

The WHASC is expected to be completed in 2015. The current Wilford Hall Medical Center building will be demolished after the new facility is complete and fully operational.

The original front entrance of Wilford Hall is still available for access. Patients who prefer to use the circle drive and drop off should follow the detour signs on Loop Road going around the northeast side of Wilford Hall and turn left at the Total Energy Plant.

To ease traffic congestion, a "work zone" has been established which allows construction crew to come and go from the construction site without interrupting traffic flow in and out of the base.

All temporary parking is now open. Additional crosswalks provide easier access to

the hospital, and a relief to cramped parking conditions should now be felt.

Construction of the MacKown Dental Clinic project is right on track to finish in the spring of 2012, which will be located across from the Child Development Center. All departments currently housed at MacKown will move into the new building, along with some services at the Dunn Dental Clinic.

Currently contractors are busy ordering furnishings and equipment required to outfit and operate the new building. To date, structural steel supports for the building have been installed, concrete floors for both the first and second floors of the two-story structure are completely poured and interior wall layout has begun.

Additionally, the exterior envelope of the dental building is currently under construction. In June, a mock-up of the exterior finishes for the facility was created, reviewed and will be approved by the design team before the bulk of the finishes are applied.

Wilford Hall inpatient psychiatry moves to BAMC

by Sue Campbell, 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs - The Wilford Hall Medical Center Inpatient Psychiatry Flight will move to Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, August 15.

The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to relocate all inpatient services to BAMC.

The Flight is comprised of active duty and civilian psychiatry, nursing, social worker, chaplain and mental health technicians who provide acute psychiatric care.

"Our mission is to provide cutting edge patient care and education in a safe environment," said Maj. Pamela Petree, chief, Inpatient Psychiatry Services.

"Our proficiency was recently verified during a Joint Commission accreditation where the surveyor said we were the safest unit she has ever seen."

The staff will initially be all Air Force personnel, operating a nine-bed inpatient unit on 7 West at BAMC with plans to move into the new consolidated

tower once construction is complete. This will be a new service at BAMC, which has never housed an inpatient psychiatry unit before.

"We are excited about the move and committed to continue providing the same high-quality, patient-centered care our patients have come to expect and deserve," said Petree. "We are dedicated to match each patient's needs with the right care at the right time."

First bone marrow transplant patients arrive at BAMC

By Susan A. Merkner - San Antonio Medical BRAC Public Affairs - Inpatient bone marrow transplant and inpatient hematology and oncology services relocated to Brooke Army Medical Center from Wilford Hall Medical Center effective June 22.

The move was another step toward meeting the Base Realignment and Closure deadline of Sept. 15 for realigning inpatient services from Wilford Hall to BAMC.

On the morning of June 22, two patients were transported by ambulance from Wilford Hall to renovated patient rooms on BAMC's 6 West floor. Staff assigned to the patients greeted them with welcoming comments and helped them settle into their new rooms.

The bone marrow transplant (BMT) unit's transitional space includes five renovated patient rooms and a treatment room. The 25 other beds on 6 West are designated as a medical ward and can be adapted to accommodate ad-

ditional BMT patients, if needed.

The BMT unit's permanent home will be a state-of-the-art, 14-bed unit on the fifth floor of the newly constructed Consolidated Tower.

The Department of Defense BMT program began in 1985 at Wilford Hall. When the new BAMC hospital opened in 1996, it also had a bone marrow transplant unit.

Between 1996 and 2001, 497 patients were treated in the BAMC BMT unit. The BMT unit was consolidated into the BMT unit at WHMC in 2001 to reduce costs and increase efficiency in the San Antonio military medical community.

Bone marrow transplants are used to treat various cancers and certain noncancerous diseases.

Because patients who undergo chemotherapy or a bone marrow transplant may have compromised immune systems, their hospital surroundings are strictly managed to prevent infection.

The BMT patient rooms on

6 West are outfitted with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to keep the air constantly in motion.

During recent BRAC-related transitions locally, beds are closing through attrition at Wilford Hall, and new patients are being admitted to newly opened beds at BAMC.

Outpatient clinics move

The outpatient bone marrow transplant clinic also relocated to BAMC from Wilford Hall, effective June 21. The outpatient BMT clinic is in D Lot Clinic 12, accessible outside the hospital's women's health clinic entrance.

BAMC's adult outpatient hematology/oncology clinic moved to transitional space within the Wilford Hall hematology/oncology unit in September 2007 and is scheduled to return to BAMC in August.



The first two bone marrow transplant patients arrive at BAMC 6 West from Wilford Hall Medical Center on June 22 as part of the BRAC process. (photo/Susan A. Merkner)

Inaugural class graduates corpsmen "A" school



cluded cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic Emergency Medical Technician, corpsman fundamentals and introduction to nursing.

Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Barry Moore, former METC command master chief, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. Moore encouraged the graduates to strive for success.

"Every graduate in the audience should have ambitions to be successful in their personal life and professional career," he said. "Whatever your destiny, the leadership tools you received in (Hospital Corpsman) 'A' School will play a pivotal role in your success."

METC stood up in 2010 as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision to co-locate all enlisted medical training for Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard.

It is the world's largest military medical training institution, projected to have about 8,000 students enrolled on any given day and will administer 64 medical training programs when it becomes fully operational in September of this year.

For more information about METC go to www.metc.mil

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*Capt. John Larnerd, Jr.,
Commander, Navy Medicine
Training Center.*

by Lisa Braun, METC Public Affairs - Ushering in a new chapter in the history of the Navy Hospital Corps, the Medical Education and Training Campus graduated its first class of corpsmen from the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman "A" school during a ceremony aboard Fort Sam Houston July 19.

For almost a century, Navy Hospital Corps School has been taught primarily at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill. This graduation marks a new beginning for the Navy Hospital Corps.

"Today we graduate the first class of corpsmen who, for the rest of their careers, will look back to where it all began and will call that place San Antonio," said Capt. John Larnerd, Jr., Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Training Center.

"METC's motto is to produce the world's finest medics, corpsmen and techs and today marks the beginning of that legacy. Our graduates today have trained in the most sophisticated training environment ever brought to bear in medical technical training."

Larnerd recognized the instructors and staff of the school, praising them for the many long hours spent preparing the students for this milestone. "You have molded and inspired this next generation of corpsmen and I hope you take pride in knowing that they wouldn't be here today without the leadership and sacrifice that you have made to bring them to this point."

The 134 new corpsmen completed an intense, 12-week introductory medical training program that commenced in April. Courses in-

Third METC building named for fallen Navy Corpsman

by L.A. Shively, FSH News Leader - Leading his rifle team on a house-to-house search for an explosives factory in Ramadi, Iraq; a sudden blast from a hidden bomb knocks Marine Sgt. Gregory Edwards unconscious, mangling his legs and one hand.

The first person to reach Edwards is Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christopher Anderson. Waking up, Edwards realizes he is looking right into "Doc" Andy's face.

"How bad is it?" Edwards asks. "You're going to be fine," replies Anderson calmly, while

working furiously to stop the Marine's bleeding.

"I knew I was good," Edwards recalled to a full auditorium in Anderson Hall. Medically retired as a result of his wounds, Edwards was guest speaker for a July 8 ceremony christening the building in honor of the fallen Navy corpsman.

Anderson was killed two months later in Ramadi; his Marine unit under mortar attack.

"I thank him every day that I can wake up and be with my family," Edwards said.

Edwards explained he knew that "Doc Anderson would care for him no matter the circumstances. He called Anderson "Doc" because of an unspoken bond: complete trust cemented under fire between Marines and their corpsmen.

"You're the unarmed warrior. You care for your fellow man," said retired Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Harry Penny, who recited his poem "I Am the One Called Doc" during the ceremony.

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Anderson Hall is the third building on the Medical Education and Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston to be named for fallen Navy corpsmen. Previously, Jaenke Hall was named in honor of Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jaime Jaenke and Fralish Hall was named in honor of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class John Fralish.

"There are quiet heroes who go about their work every day doing great things for our country," explained Navy Rear Adm. William Kiser, METC commandant.

"Christopher Anderson was a quiet hero," Kiser said. "He was not afraid to ply his trade in a hard place and as long as this building stands, he will serve as a monument to what members of the Hospital Corps do; to what heritage means; to what tradition means, and what a life of service embodies. He is exactly the right person for this place."

The ceremony included a pictorial presentation of each of 45 corpsman lost in Afghanistan and Iraq since 2001 and footage from Oliver

North's "War Stories" series hosted by FOX.

As part of the footage, an image of a corpsman carrying a wounded soldier accompanies North's description of an incident where an Iraqi Republican Guard regiment ambushed the Marine unit he'd embedded with and a gunfight ensued.

"This corpsman who had rushed out twice before and brought these two wounded (Marines) back, now has a third one," North said.

"On the right, a Reuters news crew sets up their tripod and they are videotaping him going in and out. As this guy staggers back into the gunfire, one of them shouts out, 'Hey mate! What did you do that for? Didn't you notice that wasn't a Marine?'"

"It's a wounded Iraqi soldier," North explained. "This U.S. Navy Corpsman is rushing into the battlefield to save (the Iraqi's) life."

"In response to the Reuters news crew, the Navy Corpsman gives them a gesture and says, 'Didn't you notice he was wounded? That's what we do. We're Americans.'"

Anderson was fourth-generation Navy. His great grandfather served as an electrician mate, his grandfather was a parachute rigger, and his father served in special operations.

Nothing can fill the void of the loss of his son, said retired Navy Chief Electronics Technician Rick Anderson. "But the memory of this helps us concentrate on the good things that happen and the blessings that have come along," he said.

"Being surrounded by so many friends keeps us lifted and helps us in the right direction."

"It means a lot - it's an incredible honor to be the brother of someone who is exceptional to a point of having a hall named after him. It's very special and overwhelming," said younger brother Kyle Anderson.

"Caring for other people was his gift," said his mom, Debra Anderson. "It was a wonderful gift to be here with our family and friends to share this with us."



Retired Navy Chief Electronics Technician Rick Anderson and son Kyle unveil a portrait of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christopher Anderson that will hang in the quarterdeck of Anderson Hall. (photo/L.A. Shively)



Christopher Anderson's great grandfather, retired Senior Chief Parachute Rigger William Hawkins receives a flag from Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Albert Ramirez as special recognition for his 26 years service. Ramirez served with Marines 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment at the same time as Anderson. The flag was flown over Navy Medicine Training Center barracks July 7. (photo/L.A. Shively)

711th HPW received 250,000-pound centrifuge motor

by 88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - The first major component of the new Wright-Patterson AFB human centrifuge, a 250,000-pound drive motor, will arrive at the Air Force Research Laboratory, 711th Human Performance Wing at 11:00 a.m. on Aug 1st.

The delivery represents a significant step in the second phase of the 2005 BRAC decision to close Brooks City Base in San Antonio, Texas and transfer the mission of this program to WPAFB.

The first phase of constructing new 711th HPW facilities was completed earlier this year and celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 1st.

The motor, built by ABB Corporation in Switzerland, will drive a 31 foot centrifuge arm and will be capable of producing 15 G's of instantaneous force with a 20 G limit. A 'G' is the equivalent to the force of gravity pulling on a mass, for example one G is the normal day to day effect of gravity on the human body. 15 G's would make a 200 pound man feel like he weighs 3,000 pounds and 20 G's is the equivalent of his weight being 4,000 pounds.

The motor weighs the equivalent of 125 cars and has a max torque of 1,880,000 ft-lbs producing approximately 3350 horsepower. The motor will be connected to a power source capable of producing 12,500 volts.

In September 2009, Environmental Tectonics Corporation of Southampton, PA, was awarded a \$34.4 million contract to develop, deliver and install the centrifuge system at WPAFB.

The system is on schedule to meet an operational date of 25 September 2012. The Agile Combat Support Directorate, Human Systems Division at the Aeronautical Systems Center, is managing the acquisition of this new system and AFRL's 711th HPW will operate and maintain the centrifuge.

The system will be operated on a daily basis and is expected to have a 30-year life.

Perry signs law giving college credit for military experience



Gov. Rick Perry meets several combat medics from the Army National Guard after the signing ceremony. (photo/L.A. Shively)

by L.A. Shively, FSH News Leader - Flanked by military students from the Medical Education and Training Center and combat medics from the Army National Guard, Texas Gov. Rick Perry ceremonially signed The College Credit for Heroes bill July 14 at St. Phillips College.

The bill, actually signed into law in June, awards \$3 million to a consortium of several San Antonio-area community colleges and universities to confer college-level credit for training and experience earned in the military.

The law charges the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to find methods to maximize credits awarded for military experience and report findings to the Legislature by Nov. 1.

"As the home state for so many who have sacrificed so much for this country, we have this special duty to improve the lives and circumstances of our veterans," Perry said.

"Those experiences and those skills our veterans bring back from service are very valued and all too often untapped by our communities and by our labor force. College Credit for Heroes will help them graduate more quickly so they can put those skills to practical use back home, saving them money on tuition."

Perry explained the most important reason for this law is that it helps colleges save resources instead of spending extra time teaching military students subjects in which they already have extensive training and experience.

"Gov. Perry is a staunch Republican and I am a very loud and proud Democrat," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, the bill's chief sponsor, who was also at the ceremony. "But when it comes to veterans affairs, we worked hand-in-hand."

In conjunction with the legislation and in partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission, METC recently signed a memorandum of understand-

ing with the University of the Incarnate Word - the METC Educational Partnership Program - putting into place road maps to help military students plan their degrees in various disciplines during their military training.

The agreement with UIW will also give military instructors, with master's degrees, opportunities to teach as adjunct faculty at the university and open the way for UIW courses to be taught at METC.

"We will have active duty and civilians side by side in the classroom sharing experiences and training," said Lt. Cmdr. Mitch Seal, action officer for METC. "Plus we'll share ideas. The more you know each other, the better you can deliver care. It raises everyone's game."

Seal said METC programs are being evaluated course by course and program by program, comparing military curricula with civilian counterparts in each of the schools in the College Credit for Heroes program. *(continued pg. 8)*

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He said that in many cases the military programs are driving the objectives of the civilian professions, and used the independent pharmacy technician as an example.

The advanced training the pharmacy technician receives for work under combat conditions overseas allows that person to work in remote locations at home, such as with the Indian Health Service on reservations.

The pharmacy technician program is part of a joint venture with the Department of Defense Veterans Affairs initiative.

"We worked together to produce computer-based training that we currently use in the curriculum for the pharm techs that they're also piloting out in the civilian sector as well," Seal said.

Seal explained that the long range goal is to duplicate

the pharmacy technician training model with other disciplines.

"As long as we have good educational design, and professional educators monitoring that process, it's achievable," Seal said. "We've always had external accreditation agencies across the spectrum of military groups but now we're organizing that and awarding degrees."

Seal speculates that with this program and after one tour, an enlisted service member could return to the civilian sector with a master's degree in an Allied Health field.

"With this legislation we are able to give our veterans and service members greater opportunities for successful transitions to civilian life," said TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton.

"It allows more flexibility for those in the medical field, making the transition from the

military into civilian life a little bit easier as far as your career goes," agreed Sgt. 1st Class Jose Castaneda-Rios, a combat medic with the 71st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Army National Guard.

Born in Mexico, Castaneda came north, joined the Army and then became a U.S. citizen in 2005 after deploying to Iraq. He has served in places such as Egypt, Korea, and Afghanistan treating service members and civilians, including children.

He said that prior to this law, his military skills would only allow him to classify as a civilian emergency medical technician, whereas his training encompasses far more expertise in the field. This law will make a big difference for him he said. "It will make for a better life for me and my family."

Port SA marks 10 years of support to the community

by Paco Felici, Port San Antonio

Ten years after the closure of Kelly Air Force Base, Port San Antonio paid tribute to the legacy of workers at the former military facility July 13 and thanked supporters who have made the Port one of the most successful base redevelopment organizations in the country.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to those who preceded us," said Bruce Miller, President and CEO of Port San Antonio.

"The progress achieved to date in redeveloping this property would have been very difficult to imagine when the community first received the hard news of the base's closure in 1995. But hard work, steadfast partners and a growing loyal base of customers have made Port San Antonio a model that inspires others."

"The former Kelly Air Force Base, today known as Port

San Antonio, remains a vibrant part of Texas history," said U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in a statement.

"When the 1995 BRAC closed Kelly, San Antonio never surrendered, never retreated and today Port San Antonio continues to provide great jobs and new opportunity for future generations. I'm very proud of all the Port staff and leadership have done to transform Port San Antonio into a world class industrial complex and logistics hub."

"The military never lost sight of the deep roots it has in this community and its critical role in shaping this region's history and future," said Brigadier General Robert Murdock (Ret.), who oversaw Kelly's transition before closure and who is now the City of San Antonio's Director of Military Affairs. "A careful transition and ongoing Air Force support

long after the base closed laid the groundwork for today's success. The transition period was challenging, and I am proud to see how our best hopes then have become a success story today with great promise for the future."

Last year Port San Antonio was presented the prestigious Base Redevelopment Community of the Year award by the Association of Defense Communities-a leading national organization that supports areas of the country impacted by base closures.

The award recognizes the Port's work, which currently sustains almost 80 organizations on the 1,900-acre site. In turn, these Port customers-which include aerospace, logistics and military operations-employ more than 14,000 area residents and generate more than \$4.2 billion in annual economic activity.



It was standing room only as Port San Antonio thanked its supporters during the organization's 10-year anniversary celebrations. (photo/Paco Felici)



Last Month in BRAC News

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 7/7/2011 BLDG. 171: Controlled access began July 1

Upcoming Events

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Military Transformation Task Force Meeting	7/19/2011	Blanca Uribe
IMCOM HQ Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	7/19/2011	Maggie Brewster
SAJPO Communications Team Meeting	8/30/2011	Ron Rogers
311th Air Base Group Deactivation Ceremony	8/31/2011	Joe Wiggins
End of BRAC Press Conference	9/14/2011	Ron Rogers
SAMMC Ribbon Cutting/End of BRAC Luncheon	10/7/2011	Ron Rogers

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